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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3622  
PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0172-00**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Toru MINEYAMA et al. )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 3622  
Application No.: 09/973,512 )  
 ) Examiner: John W. Van Bramer  
Filed: October 9, 2001 )  
 ) Confirmation Number: 6341  
For: SERVER OPERATIONAL )  
EXPENSES COLLECTING )  
METHOD, AND APPARATUS )  
THEREFOR )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed December 23, 2008, and pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose to amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.